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We have just received from Ontario, Oregon, some very fine alfalfa honey and place it on sale at
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Local Brevities.

Police court receipts yesterday aggregated \$300, and not a prisoner was before the bar of justice. The receipts came from gambling fines.

A petition was filed with County Clerk Clinton yesterday, to be forwarded to the secretary of state, asking that the bill providing for a direct primary law be submitted to a vote of the people. The petition contained the signatures of 50 persons.

I. L. Singer, of Walla Walla, says in a letter to the Astorian: "I note with satisfaction the great improvement in The Astorian, and hope the citizens of Astoria and Oregon will duly appreciate the handsome daily now offered them by the enterprising publishers."

"If I'm any judge of newspapers, The Astorian fills the bill," said E. A. Taylor yesterday. "It's by long odds the best and most complete paper Astoria has ever had, and it ought to receive generous support. It is a credit to the city and a tribute to the business energy of the enterprising publisher."

The steamer W. H. Harrison left out last evening for Yaquina, to bring back a cargo of old iron from the government jetty at that bay. The iron, consisting principally of railroad rails, was recently sold at auction to Portland firms. There are nearly 200 tons of it, and it is consigned to Weinstein & Co., Portland.

Contractor Goodin is working on the Smith Point road and expects to have the obstruction removed by tonight. The ground east of the road recently slid, blocking passage for teams. The repair has been made by popular subscription. Street Superintendent Kearney said yesterday he believed the road should be put in shape around to the county bridge. The council has had

the matter under consideration, but nothing was done looking to improvement of the road, which is much used.

A "Bon-Bon" dancing party will be given by the Florodora Club at Hanthorn's hall tonight, to which the public is invited. New features are constantly being introduced by the club at its regular Saturday night parties, and assurance is given that tonight a particularly good time will be afforded those that attend.

B. J. Pye, superintendent of the Clatsop Mill Company's box factory, leaves tonight for an extended eastern visit. While away he will spend a few weeks at his old home. He expects to visit all of the large cities of the middle east and post himself as to present conditions in the box business. He will be gone about a month.

"Only a Soldier Boy," the play to be presented by Miss Clara Mathes and her company for their opening next Tuesday night at Fishers', is one of the comedy-drama hits of the season. Were it not for the strong dramatic situations and climaxes, it could well be called a comedy, as it is brimful of bright, crisp and clean fun. Miss Mathes, as "Cherry Blossom," the soldier boy, is making one of the biggest hits she has ever scored. There is something doing all the time at the Mathes performance, and seven vaudeville features are introduced between acts. The sale of seats opens Monday at Griffin's. Prices, 20 and 30 cents.

Robert Jeffery left last night for Vancouver, Wash., to make final proof in support of his claim to 160 acres in section 20, township 11 north of range 6 west, in Wahkiakum county, Washington. Mr. Jeffery filed on the land seven years ago. Two years later C. W. Clark filed on the same tract with scrip, and afterwards transferred his right to the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company, an Oregon City concern. Then followed a contest for the property. The matter was carried up to the interior department and on January 4 Secretary Hitchcock rendered a decision in favor of the Astoria claimant. The property is located on Grays river and is quite valuable.

Four members of the Commercial bowling team, B. J. Pye, Jack Bay, M. F. Hardesty and P. B. Sovey, leave tonight for Portland to contest for the Feldenhelmer trophy. Messrs. Laws and Peterson are already in the metropolis. The games will be bowled at the Portland Commercial Club alleys, with which all of the Astoria bowlers are more or less familiar. The local team has done some excellent work on the home alleys, and a general feeling pervades the club that the coveted trophy will come home with the team. If the Astorians bowl their usual game they will unquestionably win. They are to go against a strong combination, but the scores made in Portland are not equal to those bowled here. The men are all determined to make the best possible showing and an exciting contest is looked for.

The Oregonian reiterates that the rivers and harbors of this state will suffer greatly because of the determination of the house committee to not present an appropriations bill at this session of congress. The Oregonian says the bar improvement will suffer, although, as the work is being conducted on the continuing contract plan, provision will be made for it in the sundry civil bill. Of the bar improvement the Oregonian says: "The fund for Columbia bar is represented to be \$1,243,000, but really it is only \$900,000. Out of the larger sum must be deducted \$250,000 for the cost of the dredge Chino, and \$60,000 for other outstanding liabilities. Operation of the dredge costs about \$8000 a month. The vessel needs new boilers and several alterations, but can probably be kept at work this season as she is. New boilers will cost \$40,000 or \$50,000. She might now be sent to Mare Island or Bremerton for repairs were it not for the possibility of her missing the spring season for dredging."

The Coquille Ice & Cold Storage Company has written W. O. Hemlow in reply to a communication relative to the establishment of a milk condensary in Coos county. The proposition made by Mr. Hemlow meets with marked favor by the Coquille people who seem desirous that such an enterprise as Mr. Hemlow suggests be established in their midst. That Coquille would be an ideal place for a condensary is attested by the statement on the part of the company that from 800 to 1000 cows would be available. The company already has the site, together with a building that would in every way be suitable, so that the expense attending the inauguration of the business would arise

only from the purchase and installation of the plant. Mr. Hemlow has another proposition pending at Salem, from which he expects an early response. A resident at Warren has also written him for information regarding the condensary business, his idea being to establish such an enterprise in that community. Mr. Hemlow is meeting with wide recognition throughout the country because of the active interest he takes in all departments of canned products.

Rather than pay for a meal that came to the paltry sum of 35 cents, Charles Belmont drew a revolver on Jerry Slavich, the proprietor of an Astor street eating house, last night, and threatened to commit murder. Upon Slavich stepping back away from the murderous looking weapon, the worthless young hoodlum made his escape. He was later caught in an uptown saloon by Officer Lindsley and is now in the city jail. Belmont has been in the city for the past three weeks, during which time he has put in the most of his time bumming. Soon after he hit town he entered the Slavich restaurant and after eating a meal, set out for him by the proprietor of the place, left while Slavich's back was turned, and since then has failed to make good the price. Last night he visited the same place and ordered his supper. Mr. Slavich collared him. "Pay me what you owe me," he demanded. With an oath Belmont drew a loaded revolver and pressed it against the other man's breast. Seeing that he meant murder, Slavich requested him to leave the place, saying as he did so that he would rather lose the 35 cents than to be murdered in trying to collect it. As soon as Belmont left, the restaurant man hunted up the patrolman and told him the story. It did not take long to find the man with the gun, and he was at once jailed. Belmont is a young fellow, and is accounted as being generally no good.

PERSONAL MENTION

E. M. Houghton, of Seaside, is in the city.
P. E. Peterson is in the metropolis on business.
Senator J. G. Megier was down from Brookfield yesterday.
J. O. Hanthorn is in the city on a brief business visit.
County Commissioner Clark was over from Seaside yesterday.
W. C. Laws went to Portland last night. He will return Monday.
A. G. Barker, a well known Portland railroad man, was in the city yesterday.
George B. McLeod was in Astoria yesterday, looking after the interests of the Astoria Company.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Norwegian—Danish M. E. church, East Astoria, Rev. C. J. Larsen, pastor—Sunday school at 10 a. m. and song service at 7:45 p. m.
Baptist—Services as usual tomorrow. The pastor will preach on the following subjects: "Fishers of Men" and "Wise Unto Salvation."
First M. E. church—The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. on "The Christian's struggle," and at 7:30 p. m. on "Has Environment Made Us?" Epworth League at 6:30 led by the pastor; subject, "Christian Stewardship."

Wolves Deplete Ranges.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 29.—Not a day passes but stockmen living in Sweetgrass county and other sections in that part of the state report heavy losses of both cattle and sheep through the depredations of wolves, which have become so bold that they no longer fear the sight of man, and skulk along in broad daylight within plain view of the ranch houses.

While the stockmen have lost severely from these animals during past winters, when the deep snow in the mountains and the intense cold drove them from their usual haunts in search of food, they attribute their presence this year, which thus far has been unusually mild, to the fact that they have multiplied to an alarming extent, and believe that some concerted action will have to be taken at once to rid themselves of the growing danger.

Packs of from five to a dozen each have been reported by those who have occasion to ride over the ranges.

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